City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2026
7:00pm
Lopez Ridge Recreation Center
7245 Calle Cristobal
San Diego, CA 92126

Attendance

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Frichtel, Joe: Chairperson	X	
Goonan, Greg: Vice chair	X	
Hamilton, Fay		X
Jackson, Craig		X
Nover, Lillith		X
Treasurer		X
Stevens, Jeff	X	
Youth Organization Members		
Gremio Soccer, Andre Sana	X	
Mira Mesa Girls Softball (Kevin Harrell)		X
Mira Mesa Little League (Walter Tschernkowitsch		X
Mira Mesa Soccer-AYSO (Derek Church)		X
Mira Mesa Pop Warner Will Hudson, Michelle Tuscano		X
Adult Organization Members		
Mira Mesa Town Council		X
San Diego Cricket Association (Amit Dudhola)		X
Mira Mesa Pickleball (Andreas Gillmeier)	X	
City Staff		
Nayelli Juarez, Lopez Ridge Recreation Center		X
Christian Rivera, Mira Mesa/Gil Johnson Recreation Center	X	
Derrick Monroe: Center Director III, Hourglass	X	
Bella Kalivas: City Council District 6 Representative	X	
Daniel Dorantes, Ned Baumer Aquatics Center		X
Guests/Member		
Krista Clemen (Member)	X	
Neil Pesarillo (Pacific Coast Soccer)		X
Kevin Yu		X
Jordan Nguyen (Viet)		X
Adrian Lawrence	X	
Peter Baber (Member)	**X**	
Andre Kunz Sana (Member)	X	
Jordan Nguyen	X	

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mr. Frichtel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Chairperson Frichtel, motion to approve the minutes Jeff Stevens

Discussion Item:

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Community Recreation Group Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. Limited to items not on the agenda and three minutes.

- Pam Stevens announced the Mira Mesa Fireworks fundraiser at Luna Grill, Thursday, November 19th 4:00pm-9:00pm.
- The Mira Mesa Town Council meeting in December will be held at the Epicenter, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- December 7, 2026, from 6:30pm-7:00pm Santa will be there, holiday festivities, all are welcome

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board Member to approve any agenda item as consent when no public comments have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

- None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:

- None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Dog Park is open
- Water leak at Wangenheim School field needs fixing
- Skateboard Park proposal to put placard for Willie Santos
- San Diego Parks Foundation was at the Mira Mesa grand opening. They are a big supporter of Parks and Recreation
- Issue with some skateboarders not getting to restrooms
- Ongoing problem at Camino Ruiz eroding into the canyon

Hourglass Joint Use Field Committee

- Ongoing discussions about expansion of Miramar College programs and need for more space
- Budgeting items for next year in progress

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Meeting was held November 4, 2026, on Microsoft Teams
- At 6:30 there were 20 people on the meeting site
- Joe suggested a workshop on how to get more people to attend the meeting

Mira Mesa Park Phase 2-3 Expansion Committee
Done

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

Council District 6 Report:
- Maddox will officially be open November 11, 2026
- Salk still not open. More information on timeline by the end of this month
- Saturday, November 14, the Mayor's office and Storm Water Department are hosting a community preparedness and sandbag distribution at Mountain View Community from 9:00am-12:00pm. For more information contact Isabella Kalivas
- Challenger Middle School will be hosting turkey distribution on November 23, 2026, from 11:30am-1:30pm. For information and questions contact Isabella Kalivas

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:
Area Manager Report: Claudia Apodaca. No Report

OCA Center Director Report: Nayelli Juarez, Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park
- Basketball clinics for ages 9-14, instructors are Eric Brown and Troy Jones
- Arts and crafts for ages 4-10 are being offered
- Annual cookie decorating night with arts and crafts on December 18, 2026. Activity is free for ages 4-10. People can sign up online or show up

Center Director Report: Derrick Monroe, Hourglass Field Community Park
- Youth volleyball leagues are in final two weeks. Playoffs start this weekend for the 12U and 15U leagues
- Planning for the Movie in the Gym event on December 11, featuring, arts and crafts, snacks, and games. The movie that will be showing is GOAT

Center Director Report: Christian Rivera, Mira Mesa
- The recreation center has been super busy. It's been open for one month.
- Returning user groups using the fields
- Programs start in the gym with a free senior workout class, registration for basketball starts on November 21st. Practices are held at Gil Johnson Recreation Center and games are played at Hourglass, 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U will be participating leagues
- Upcoming events at skate park. Finesse Skateboarding hosting a program on December 5th, featuring skateboard give aways

Pool Manager Report: Daniel Dorante, Ned Baumer Aquatics Center
No Report

Community Group Reports
Mira Mesa Little League:
- Registration for spring ball over 350 people signed up so far.
- Batting cages are being worked on

Mira Mesa AYSO:

- No report

San Diego Crickett Assoc:

- No report

Mira Mesa Girls Softball:

- No report

PickleBall:

- Email sent to Joe that will be turned over to the City
- Efforts are being made to get Pickleball nets at Mira Mesa Park
- Basketball and pickleball are doing well at Gil Johnson gym

Mira Mesa Pop Warner Football

- No Report

Mira Mesa Youth (Pony) Baseball

- No Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- No recommended changes to the budget
- Discussion and review of 2024 Unfunded Park Improvements-Council District 6
- Greg suggested changing the comments on the sheet regarding Bruce Brown (3 Roots) because there appears to be no room for a recreation center. The change will not give the impression that it is part of the park
- Canyon Hills Resource Park. Comments on the sheet mention that GDP is probably necessary, but we do have a GDP
- Mira Mesa Community Park, comments on the sheet mention expanding the recreation center by 5,000 square feet. However, it doesn't appear to be enough room for that since the completion of Phase II. Suggestion to expand it out towards the street
- Andre asked about adding a world class pickleball facility on the sheet
- Peter comments on Salk, it is a joint use and would propose adding security cameras. Is that something the City would take care of?

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2028 Budget for Mira Mesa, Hourglass and Lopez Ridge Recreation Centers approved by CRG

WORKSHOP:

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Joe Frichtel, at 8:00pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00pm
Meeting will take place at the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center